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THE WEATHER

Oregon—Showers, cooler in west portion.
Washington—Showers and cooler.

THE FORAKER INCIDENT.

Hearst, for reasons of his own, made certain plain and definite charges against U. S. Senator Foraker, of Ohio, relative to his intimate and serviceable relations with the Standard Oil trust.

Mr. Taft and his managers have acted with commendable promptitude and a very proper sense of the action due the people of the country in such an ugly emergency and will lose nothing by it.

We decline to stand for any man who bargains his faith and prestige for the pottage of the hour, be he Republican, or what he may, in a partisan sense.

THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR.

Astoria's 1,600 boys and girls are back at their studies, refreshed, and eager for the new school year of 1908-1909.

Taken as a whole they constitute as bright a group of youngsters as the good old State affords, and being in the best of hands as to principals and teachers, there is no reason to doubt for an instant their complete and pronounced success in the new year.

Every hour of neglect indulged in now, will come home with vivid reminder in days to come when amendment is altogether too late.

IT IS NOT POPULAR.

The more the seawall question is investigated under its present introduction, the more apparent becomes its unpopularity.

cal public enterprises of the city) but because of the fact that due provision has not been made for the preliminary, and unescapable things that must precede it.

The consensus of opinion is, so far as we have been able to fix it by inquiry, and by the gratuitous expression of those deeply interested, is that the matter may easily be passed up for a year, or for two years, or until it is demonstrated that more thought and work are to be devoted to the leading and important steps before-mentioned.

Even if the great project might be kept within the scale of cost initiated by the Council-Charter-Committee, it is too great a sum to be saddled on the community unless it be under exact and proper auspices.

There is no use, nor sense, in exploiting the biggest and finest of Astoria's civic developments, upon ill-advised, half-prepared, and inconsequent preliminaries.

Mr. Taft shows now, as always in his career, a good example. In whatever he undertakes he is a worker.

The uplift that farmers want first of all is willing workers at fair wages. For several years the demand has been larger than the supply.

Whatever may be said of Uncle Joe Cannon, it can not be charged that he is afraid to express his convictions, nor that he fails to express them vigorously.

A Charleston paper says that \$100,000 South Carolina ought to contribute to the Bryan campaign fund has all been received except \$98,000.

If it is true that the victories of Wellington and Nelson were won on the cricket fields of England, what a lot of incipient glory is piling up in the baseball arena of the United States.

Studies of the upper air are going on at many different stations stretching from the Arctic Ocean to the equator. Some day science will run down the weather breeding arena and get a fair starting point in the forecasting department.

"Now, what shall we name the baby?" inquired the professor's wife. "Why, this species has been named," answered the professor in astonishment.

The three great problems on the solution of which humanity is bent are the same that perplexed our ancestors—the immortality of the soul, perpetual motion and women's hats.

Client—How is my case coming on? Surely you've had time to look up the law? Attorney—Oh, that was easy. I've been putting in my time studying the technicalities.

Man's Nature Makes It Necessary to Be Ready For War.

By Premier ASQUITH of Great Britain.

AS long as man's nature continues what it is it will be necessary for prudent statesmen to provide for war.

BUT, ADMITTING THAT ALL, THE PLAIN FACT REMAINS THAT THERE IS NO ENTERPRISE MORE WORTHY OF THE EFFORTS OF GOOD MEN THAN TO DEVISE PRACTICABLE MEANS NOT ONLY FOR MINIMIZING THE RISKS OF INTERNATIONAL QUARRELS, BUT FOR PROVIDING A RATIONAL SUBSTITUTE FOR THE SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES BY WARFARE.

Among the various means of progress in this direction the first is the growth of international agreements.

I use the word agreements because alliances sometimes have the contrary effect. The second is the SUBSTITUTION OF INTERNATIONAL LITIGATION FOR THE BARBAROUS METHODS OF SLAUGHTER.

Of course there is a delicate sphere of international relations. The main thing is that the nations should get to know and understand one another.

IN A SMILING VEIN.

A BIT OF A RIDDLE.

Thrus for you, Kitty Kane, as you said but this minute. Life's a queer kind o' riddle, a plague at the best.

You must look fur your joy in another direction. An' I beg you to light in yer innocent eyes.

Och! The bothersome riddle! I wonder now whether we could make our luck better if we should combine.

Presence of Mind. "There's nothing like presence of mind."

"Illustrate it." "Von Whizzer, the speed maniac, offered me a seat in his racing machine, and I had the presence of mind to refuse it."

A Life Job. "I want to put an ad. in your paper," said the weary looking man.

A Common Regret. "Just back from your vacation?" "Yes."

Insult Added to Injury. "TIME IS FLYING YOU WILL NEVER BE SO OLD AGAIN UNLESS YOU COME IN AND BE HERE NOW"



Where the Brains Are. Applicant (in metropolitan newspaper office)—Yes, sir, I am ready to accept any position from office boy to chief editorial writer.

An Idea of Business. "Does your titled son-in-law know anything about business?"

with promissory notes, and he knows how to get a check cashed.

The Reason Why. "I hear young Flyer is going to reform." "What's the matter?"

Modest Precaution. "Why do you insist on so much red tape in your department?" "Because," answered the official,

Justly Indignant. "You say she hates their family physician?" "Yes; she thought she was pining away from a broken heart, and the doctor diagnosed her case as indigestion and cured her."

Let Him Try. "I fear no foe in shining armor," sang the man at a concert.

No Genius. "He is very clever, but evidently far from a real genius." "What makes you think so?"

Anxious For More. An expert golfer had the misfortune to play a particularly vigorous stroke at the moment that a seedy wayfarer skulked across the edge of the course.

The Snake Bite. "So Wild Bill died of a snake bite? Whar did he git bit?"

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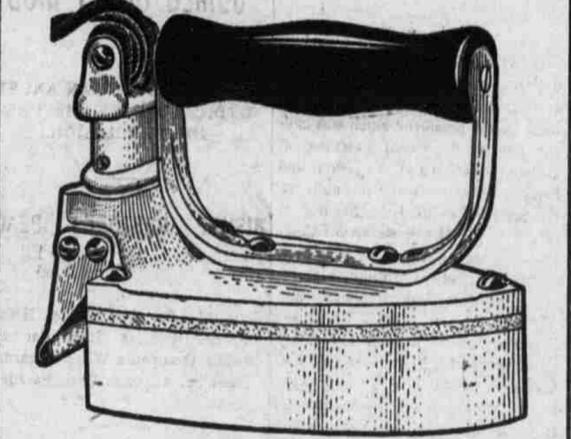
A GREAT SURPRISE. The Singular Nobleman Who Wanted an American Heiress. The American father of the heiress greeted the count who was a suitor for her hand with dignified frigidity.

Counting it Up. There is a son of Erin in Newton, Mass. who is quite a character. He has a number of children and was asked one day how long he had been married.

How to Avoid Appendicitis. Most victims of appendicitis are those who are habitually constipated. Orino Laxative Fruit Syrup cures chronic constipation by stimulating the liver and bowels.

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